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SUBJECT: GREECE/AFGHANISTAN: SUPPORT FOR UN SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE EIDE

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[¶1.](#) A/Political Counselor delivered reftel points on March 13 on support for the recent appointment of Ambassador Kai Eide as the UN Special Representative for Afghanistan to Ambassador Alexios Christopoulos, Director of the MFA A10 Directorate for Asia and Oceania. Christopoulos responded that Greece was pleased and supports the Eide appointment. He also promised that Greece would encourage an EU public statement in support of Ambassador Eide.

[¶2.](#) Christopoulos followed-up March 17 to report that the EU had already welcomed the Eide appointment in its March 10 GAERC conclusions. Greece does not expect further EU statements on Eide's appointment, but will support any effort by NATO to make a similar statement.
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